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Docket No. 687-396

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s):

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A BRAIDED STENT WITH SPHERICALLY ENDED WIRES

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- ☒ Original (non provisional)  
☐ Design  
☐ Plant

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

3. ☒ Specification, including Description, Claims and Abstract (Total Page: 40)

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total sheets 7)

5. Oath or Declaration

- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) (informal)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ Deletion of Inventors (Signed statement attached deleting inventors(s) named in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 133 (b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or DC-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if application, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ Paper

9. ☒ An assignment of the invention to American Medical Systems, Inc.  
☐ is attached. A separate ☐ "COVERSHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.  
☒ will follow.
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) (Power of Attorney by Assignee) (informal)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Copies of citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claims)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 USC 122 (b)(2)(B)(i) (Non-publication Request)
17. ☐ Other

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.          /         , filed         .

Prior application information:

Examiner:    Group Art Unit:   

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. Fee Calculation: TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:
- A. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-2230.  
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- B. ☐ Payment Enclosed  
☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR § 1.16(a)
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c))	54-20=34	34 x \$18.00=	\$710.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b))	7-3=4	4 x \$80.00=	612.00
Multiple dependent claims(s), if any (37 CFR § 1.16(d))		+ \$270.00=	320.00
	Total		0.00
	½ for Small Entity		\$1642.00

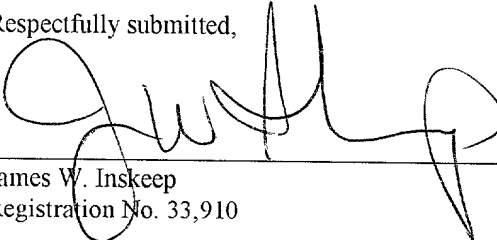
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